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WORKINGMEN'S RIGHTS

Voice of the Holy Father on Labor and Capital.

Evil Effects of Socialist Tendencies.

The Great Mistakes Made of Supposing That Class Is Hostile to Class—All Should Live in Harmony.

In such times as these, when the relations between capital and labor are strained, when on every side are heard the murmurings of discontent, nothing can be more opportune than to recall the words of his Holiness Leo XIII as given to the world in his famous encyclical on labor. The following pertinent extracts are well worth preserving:

It is not surprising that the spirit of revolutionary change which has so long been predominant in the nations of the world should have passed beyond politics and made its influence felt in the cognate field of practical economy. The elements of a conflict are unmistakable; the growth of industry and the surprising discoveries of science; the changed relations of masters and workmen; the enormous fortunes of individuals and the poverty of the masses; the increased self-reliance and the closer mutual combination of the working population; and, finally, a general moral deterioration. The momentous seriousness of the present state of things just now fills every mind with painful apprehension; wise men discuss it; practical men propose schemes; popular meetings, legislatures and sovereign princes all are occupied with it—and there is nothing which has a deeper hold on public attention.

To remedy these evils the Socialists, working on the poor man's envy of the rich, endeavor to destroy private property and maintain that individual possessions should become the common property of all, to be administered by the State or by municipal bodies. They hold that by thus transferring property from private persons to the community the present evil state of things will be set to rights, because each citizen will then have his equal share of whatever there is to enjoy. But their proposals are so clearly futile for all practical purposes that if they were carried out the working man himself would be among the first to suffer. Moreover they are emphatically unjust, because they would rob the lawful possessor, bring the State into a sphere that is not its own and cause complete confusion in the community.

The great mistake that is made in the matter now under consideration is to possess oneself of the idea that class is naturally hostile to class; that rich and poor are intended by nature to live at war with one another. So irrational and so false is this view that the exact contrary is the truth. Just as the symmetry of the human body is the result of the disposition of the members of the body so in a State it is ordained by nature that these two classes should exist in harmony and agreement, and should, as it were, fit into one another so as to maintain the equilibrium of the body politic. Each requires the other; capital cannot do without labor, nor labor without capital. Mutual agreement results in pleasantness and good order; perpetual conflict necessarily produces confusion and outrage. Now in preventing such strife as this and in making it impossible the efficacy of Christianity is marvelous and manifold. First of all there is nothing more powerful than religion (of which the church is the interpreter and guardian) in drawing rich and poor together by reminding each class of its duties to the other and especially of the duties of justice. Thus religion teaches the laboring man and the workman to carry out honestly and well all equitable agreements freely made, never to injure

capital nor to outrage the person of an employer, never to employ violence in representing his own cause nor to engage in riot or disorder, and to have nothing to do with men of evil principles who work upon the people with artful promises and raise foolish hopes which usually end in disaster and in repentance when too late. Religion teaches the rich man and the employer that their work people are not their slaves; that they must respect in every man his dignity as a man and as a Christian; that labor is nothing to be ashamed of if we listen to right reason and to Christian philosophy, but is an honorable employment, enabling a man to sustain his life in an upright and creditable way, and that it is shameful and inhuman to treat men like chattels to make money by or to look upon them merely as so much muscle or physical power. Thus again religion teaches that as among the workman's concerns are religion herself and things spiritual and mental the employer is bound to see that the workman has time for the duties of piety; that he be not exposed to corrupting influences and dangerous occasions, and that he be not led away to neglect his home and family or to squander his wages. Then again the employer must never tax his work people beyond their strength nor employ them in work unsuited to their sex or age. His great and principal obligation is to give to every one that which is just. Doubtless before we can decide whether wages are adequate many things have to be considered; but rich men and masters should remember this: that to exercise pressure for the sake of gain upon the indigent and destitute, and to make one's profit out of the needs of another is condemned by all laws, human and divine. To defraud any one of wages that are his due is a crime which cries to the avenging angel of heaven. "Behold, the hire of the laborers" which by fraud hath been kept back by you crieth, and the cry of them hath entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth."—(I St. James, v. 4.) Finally, the rich must religiously refrain from cutting down the workman's earnings either by force, by fraud or by usurious dealing, and with the more reason because the poor man is weak and unprotected and because his slender means should be sacred in proportion to their scantiness.

SEVENTH GRAND ASSEMBLY.

Annual Meeting of Delegates of the Young Men's Catholic Union.

The Seventh Grand Assembly of the Young Men's Catholic Union will meet at Fraternity Hall, Shiel's Building, 32 O'Farrell, on Monday evening, and remain in session for the two subsequent nights. A number of amendments to the Constitution and the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing term are the most important matters to be considered.

An interesting feature of the Grand Assembly will be the awarding and presentation of two magnificent badges to the members who have, during the year, secured the greatest number of new members. The fortunate ones are James J. Keating of Leo Assembly, No. 4, and Richard Roach of St. Patrick Assembly, No. 5. The present Grand Officers are: Edward Luby, Past Grand President; P. H. Hanrahan, Grand President; Dr. T. H. Morris, Grand First Vice President; A. H. Giannini, Grand Second Vice President; S. Haskins, Grand Secretary; James English, Grand Treasurer; M. Rodgers, Grand Marshal; N. Fitzgerald, Dr. T. F. Brennan, J. J. Dunnigan and A. J. Bolger, Trustees.

NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS.

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A THRIVING SOCIETY.

Young Men of St. Patrick's Well Organized.

Religious and Intellectual Improvement.

Preparing For Their Coming Quarterly Communion—Its Previous Successful Affairs.

Nothing is more gratifying to those who take an interest in the Catholic young men of San Francisco than the fact that at the present time, in almost every parish in the city societies for young men are either in existence or in process of formation. For some time past we have occasionally read of meetings held and entertainments given by these different young societies. At one time it was a literary entertainment by the Young Men's Society of St. Francis' Parish; again, a social by that of St. Dominic's; then a banquet by Holy Cross or a street parade by St. Charles', and so on. Even from far off St. Paul's, and the country district surrounding "Old St. Mary's College" reports come to us that the zealous priests of those parishes have their young men in line with the requirements of the times. Now all this is really encouraging to the young men and to all who take an interest in them, for it clearly shows that the different pastors of these respective parishes are alive to the fact that the young men of today must be safe-guarded against the evil tendencies that surround them.

But it must be borne in mind, that what the Catholic young men today have to fear most, is not that bigotry—hideous, heartless, unreasoning bigotry—which with drawn sword tries to impede their progress; it is not that spirit of un-Americanism or A. P. Aism that we have to fear, even though with its poisonous fangs it is ready to deal out death and destruction, for the great body of the intelligent American people must soon, in a moment of indignation and disgust, raise its foot and crush this serpent's head. No, nothing is to be feared from these, either now or ever; but what we have to fear most of all today is the chilling, the paralyzing effect of constant and familiar association with thousands who either profess no faith at all, or who hold one different from ours. It is to counteract, as far as possible, this evil influence that the Young Men's Societies have been formed and are maintained throughout the city.

It was my privilege lately to attend one of the regular monthly meetings of one of these societies, and I must say that I was both edified and instructed. It was a meeting of the Young Men's Society of St. Patrick's Parish. This is a society which is working most energetically and successfully. It is going quietly along, attracting no public attention and desiring none, but withal gaining strength with length of days. The monthly meetings are unique, and both instructive and attractive. Although the moral improvement of the members is the principal object for which the society was formed and is attained by the monthly instructions and the quarterly communion, yet the intellectual improvement is not neglected, but on the contrary, forms one of its very useful features. The monthly meetings are made most interesting to the members by the literary exercises—debates, essays, recitations—and by innocent and social amusements.

At the last meeting of this society, officers for the coming term were elected. The names I will send to you for the next number of your paper. And as these newly elected officers are all young men who have always been most regular in their attendance at the meetings and most enthusiastic workers for the society's good, it is confidently expected that the coming year will be one of unprecedented success in the history of the society.

The next regular monthly meeting

will take place on Monday evening, August 6th in the Sodality Hall of the church, and a very large attendance of members is expected, as a very select and enjoyable program is arranged for that occasion. Sunday August 12th will be communion Sunday for the society as a body, and it is the earnest and the prayerful wish of the Spiritual Director, that every young man whose name is on the membership roll may receive Holy Communion on that day.

The society has had many successes within the last few months, but it was not for successes such as these that the society was established, and hence it must be looked upon as a failure, if the end of its formation be not kept in view—the spiritual advancement of the members. Two months ago an excursion to the country was given, under the auspices of the young men composing this society, and its success was beyond all hope, over 2000 enjoying the day which the young men had arranged for them. Since then as a Society they took part in the Grand Parade of the "Young Men's Institute," and their presence that day in such numbers, dressed in becoming costume, together with their soldierly appearance when in line, merited and received many warm congratulations.

On these occasions they did more than was expected of them; but now a far more important occasion than either of these is at hand; let us hope that if they do not exceed, they will at least equal the expectations of those who are interested in their welfare—that they will on Sunday, August 12th, do honor to themselves and the Society to which they belong by receiving Holy Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock mass.

S. D.

LEAGUE OF THE CROSS.

Grand Temperance Rally at St. Joseph's Hall.

The branches of the League of the Cross comprising the Second District, located in St. Joseph's, St. Charles and Mission Dolores parishes, and including the boys of the Youth's Directory on Howard street, held their first district rally at St. Joseph's Hall Sunday afternoon.

The members of St. Joseph's Branch, to the number of 250, marched into the hall at 2 o'clock. The other branches of the district immediately followed, and composed a division of over 500 boys and young men, Company B of the League Cadets, in bright uniforms, acting as escort.

The large hall was filled by members of the society from the other districts and by friends of the movement. Occupying seats on the platform were: Rev. Fathers P. Scanlan and J. Gleason of St. Joseph's, Rev. P. C. Yorke, Chancellor, and Rev. Father Dempsey of the Cathedral; Rev. P. E. Mulligan of St. Charles, Colonel William Sullivan of the League of the Cross Cadet regiment and other officers of the society.

The following program was rendered in excellent form, under the direction of A. B. Maguire, District Chairman:

Piano solo, Miss Annie Burns; hymn, "The Veni Creator"; opening prayer; recitation, Fred Farmer; vocal duet, Messrs. M. Brady and J. Geary; character song and chorus, "Roger, the Tin-maker Man," St. Joseph's Parochial School Boys' Choir; comic song, Walter Goldsmith; address, Judge Frank J. Murasky; overture, St. Charles' Young Men's Orchestra; national hymn, "America"; recitation, Private Walter Doyle of Company B, League Cadets; Kanaka song, Mission Dolores' Juvenile Choir; marching song and chorus, St. Joseph's Parochial School Drill Corps; hymn, the "Te Deum"; closing prayer.

The chief feature was the eloquent address of Judge Murasky, which, interspersed with anecdotes, was made very interesting and was listened to with rapt attention by the youthful auditors.

An innovation was the congregational singing of the hymns led by Father Yorke. The entire audience, standing, participated in the singing with enthusiasm.

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THE LIQUOR QUESTION

Full Text of Monsignor Satolli's Decision.

Affects Only the Diocese of Columbus.

Other Prelates Unite in Upholding the Action of the Papal Alegate. Its Effects.

Monsignor Satolli, the Apostolic Delegate, has rendered a decision condemning the liquor traffic, especially as it is carried on in the United States, and approving the exclusion of liquor-dealers from Catholic societies. This decision was called forth by an appeal from the ruling of Bishop Watterson of Columbus, Ohio. In the last Lenten season, Bishop Watterson, who is one of the most ardent temperance reformers in the Catholic Church, addressed a letter to the clergy of his diocese, to be read before their several congregations. The letter dealt wholly with the temperance problem. Bishop Watterson said:

"I hereby withdraw my approbation from any and every Catholic society or branch or division thereof in this diocese that has a liquor-dealer or saloonkeeper as its head or anywhere among its officers, and I suspend every such society itself from its rank and privileges as a Catholic society until it ceases to be so officered. I again publish the conditions without which for some years I have declined to approve of new societies or new branches of old organizations in this diocese—namely, that no one who is engaged either as principal or agent in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors can be admitted to membership. You will make this rule known to the organizations in your parish and have it faithfully observed. It is sure, however, to commend itself to every right-spirited and healthy association of Catholic gentlemen.

"If there are saloonkeepers in your parish who call themselves Catholics, and yet carry on their business in a forbidden and discreditable way, or sell on Sundays, either openly or under any sort of guise or disguise, in violation of civil law, and to the hurt of order and religion and the scandal of any part of the community, you will refuse them absolution should they perchance come to receive the sacrament, unless they promise to cease offending in these or other ways and to conduct their business blamelessly if they can, or get out of it and keep out of it altogether."

The circular letter made a stir. The society most affected appealed to the Apostolic Delegate to have the action of Bishop Watterson reversed. On March 15, Mgr. Satolli replied to the letter of the Secretary of the society, and rendered his decision upholding Bishop Watterson.

Not satisfied, and thinking that possibly the Apostolic Delegate had not sufficient information, the society resolved to appeal again to him and give a more extended statement of its grievance. To make matters more secure it was resolved to get Bishop Watterson to sign the appeal, verifying its statements. The Bishop read it carefully and said, "Gentlemen, I will sign your appeal most cheerfully." He signed it too cheerfully for the comfort of the appellers. They must have surmised that the Bishop felt secure of his theological grounds justifying him in prohibiting saloonkeepers from membership in Catholic societies.

The appeal was presented with all possible formality when last month Archbishop Satolli visited Columbus on other business. He stated that he would give the matter due consideration and decide on the petition.

Bishop Watterson informed the Apostolic Delegate that the State Convention of the C. T. A. U. was to meet in Fremont on July 10, and, as he was to be present to address the delegates, he would very much like to have his reply before that time that he might announce the decision to the convention. The Apos-

tolie Delegate replied that he would answer by that date, and then wished the Bishop to present his regards to the convention, and express his regrets that he could not be present to greet the delegates.

The Bishop read the letter of the Apostolic Delegate first in Latin and then a translation of it in English. The delegates and congregation listened with intense interest. With even more interest listened Archbishop Elder and Bishop Horstmann, because the decision was news to them, as well as to the delegates, since Bishop Watterson had not communicated the decision to any one until he read it for the delegates, as he had requested that it be sent in time for the convention. Hence, in a certain sense, the letter of the Apostolic Delegate might be considered the property of the convention.

Following is the letter of Monsignor Satolli in full:

WASHINGTON, July 3, 1894.—Dear Sir:—In answer to your letter, which, together with the document inclosed therein (the bishop's letter), you handed me during my stay in Columbus. As far as the general principle is concerned you should know that it belongs to the office of a bishop to observe in his own diocese what is hurtful to the spiritual good of the faithful; so it belongs to his power to command, prohibit, counsel or permit to be done, or removed, whatever he judges to contribute to the discharge of his own duty and to the good of the faithful. The letter or decree of the Bishop of Columbus concerning Catholic societies and the abstinence to be observed from intoxicating liquors ought by no means to be subjected to the judgment of every private individual or of every association of simple Catholics or citizens; but every Catholic of good conscience must hold for certain that the bishop has commanded those things which seem to be for the greater good of the faithful and the honor of every Catholic society. Those three things which are expressed in the letter of the right reverend bishop have the approval not only of Catholics but non-Catholics of your city, because they are not only in harmony with the laws of the Church, but they are also reasonable and necessary to the honor of the Church, especially in the State of Ohio.

Therefore those things which the right reverend bishop has commanded in his decree I approve and decide that they are to be observed. But if perhaps they, for the time being, seem to hurt the material interests of some, this will have to be patiently borne for the good of the many and for the honor of our holy Catholic Church.

Remain, therefore, of good will and obey faithfully what the right reverend bishop has decreed, confident that divine providence rewards the spirit of obedience, not only in the future but also in the present life.

Farewell in the Lord.

FRANCIS ARCHBISHOP SATOLLI, Apostolic Delegate.

Bishop Watterson, after concluding the letter, said: "I received this most important letter on the 4th of July; hence it may be considered as a new Declaration of Independence." A smile went around at this apt remark, and a ripple of applause was started, but immediately stopped when the sanctity of the place was considered. Bishop Watterson said: "Were we assembled in any other place than the church, I would ask you to give three cheers for the Apostolic Delegate, for I consider his decision of the greatest importance to the temperance cause in our country, the effect of which on priests and people must be most beneficial, giving new heart and new courage to those seeking to spread total abstinence."

The editor of the Wine and Spirit Gazette challenged Archbishop Corrigan "to dare enforce in letter and spirit the decree against the liquor traffic just issued." To this the Archbishop sends the following, worthy of a good prelate: In reply to your expressed wish I have the honor to say that I loyally accept the principles laid down by Mgr. Satolli, both in their spirit and to the letter. More than this, no Catholic can refuse to accept them. As to the fear of consequences, I have yet, thank God, to learn what fear is in

the discharge of my duty. Please remember, however, that acceptance of principles is not to be confounded with the blind application of the same on all occasions and under all circumstances."

It has also been endorsed by Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, Archbishop Chappelle of New Mexico and Archbishop Elder of Cincinnati.

Bishop Spalding of Peoria questions the advisability of excluding saloonmen from membership in Catholic societies. "All the prelates unite in saying though, that the decision as far as its force is concerned, is merely local."

Mgr. Satolli has not declared it to be a principle that all saloon-keepers are to be expelled from Catholic societies, nor has he even declared this to be a law in the Church of the United States or extended it beyond the limits of the diocese of Columbus. Mgr. Satolli has not committed himself to the principle that the liquor traffic, absolutely speaking and stripped of its abuses, is wrong or an occasion of sin, nor has His Eminence declared that the moderate use of it absolutely speaking and apart from its application to certain cases is a wrong or the occasion of sin.

CATHOLIC SCIENTISTS TO MEET.

An International Congress at Brussels—Father Zahm a Delegate.

Rev. J. A. Zahm, C. S. C., of Notre Dame University, sailed this week from New York to attend the sessions of the Third International Catholic Scientific Congress at Brussels. The selection of Father Zahm as delegate from the United States to this great gathering is a happy one, as he is admittedly the leading Catholic scientist in the country.

The Congress will open on September 4th, and will last about a week. Its importance to Catholics may be judged from the fact that Father Zahm considers it the most momentous event of the kind since the Vatican Council. It will be attended by Catholic scientists from all parts of the civilized world, the European delegates alone numbering about 1000.

To Receive the Pallium.

One of the grandest ceremonies of the Catholic Church will be celebrated in Santa Fe during the coming fall, when the Pallium will be conferred upon the Most Rev. Bishop Chappelle. This will be the third presentation of the Pallium in Santa Fe, the first being when the lamented Bishop Lamy was consecrated Archbishop. The second occasion was when the venerable and beloved Bishop Salpointe was elevated to the same dignity. Apostolic Alegate Satolli, Cardinal Gibbons and several other prelates are expected to assist at the august ceremonial. In anticipation of this great event extensive improvement and additions are now in progress in and around the cathedral, and throughout the Territory elaborate preparations are being made for the event.

Notice to Catholics.

The Supreme Court of Alabama has decided that the soul is not a legal entity. A resident of Mobile bequeathed \$2000 to be used to obtain masses for the repose of his soul. The heirs objected. The court decreed that the bequest was void because there was no living beneficiary of the trust to execute it and enforce the performance of it, and the soul of the departed was not an entity in the contemplation of the law. Moral: Either give while you live or in your will mention some priest or bishop to take charge of the bequest and see that the masses are said.

Bishop Keane Coming West.

Bishop Keane, Rector of the Catholic University, is at present in Rome. On his return, in September, Bishop Keane proposes to resume his travels in the West, which circumstances obliged him to forego last spring. Between October and December he will preach and lecture at various points in Minnesota, Colorado, Montana, Arizona and Oregon.

Personal.

Prof. John Montgomery, son of Zach Montgomery was in the city this week, renewing acquaintance with old friends. Prof. Montgomery is connected with St. Joseph's Seminary, Altyo, Humboldt county.

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SATURDAY AUG. 4, 1894

Order of the Forty-Hours Devotion
In the Churches and Chapels in the Diocese of San Francisco, for the month of August.
August 5—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.
St. Carmel, Redwood City.
Sisters Holy Family Chapel, San Francisco.

CALENDAR

For the Week Ending Saturday, Aug. 11

- 5—Sun.—Twelfth after Pentecost—Our Lady of the Snow, 366.
- 6—Mon.—The Transfiguration of Our Lord.
- 7—Tues.—St. Cajetan, P. (Theatines, 1547)—St. Donatus, Bp. M., 362.
- 8—Wed.—Bl. Peter Faber, S. J., 1566.
- 9—Thurs.—St. Romanus, Soldier, 258.
- 10—Fri.—St. Lawrence, Deacon, M., 259.
- 11—Sat.—St. Philomena, V. M., 300.

MONSIGNOR SATOLLI.

The Papal Delegate's Mission.

Under the heading "Satolli and the Saxon," the Presbyterian Observer of New York has written a most offensive article on the Papal Delegate. It has been reproduced in different papers. Judging by this and the circulation of apocryphal statements attributed maliciously to Catholic journals, it is not rash to conclude the enemy feels already the weighty influence of the representative of the Vicar of Christ in our glorious land of liberty.

It is well both for outsiders as well as for ourselves to be reminded of the solid base on which the Papal Delegate's mission rests. Holy faith teaches that the Pope possesses full power and immediate jurisdiction in the whole and every part of the Church. The Pope receives directly from the person of the Son of God the plenitude of authority for governing the entire Kingdom of Christ on earth. It is thus that the Pope is the Vicar of Christ, the holder of the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, the possessor of sovereign authority over the Church of Christ. Bishops by divine creation are an essential part of the Church. They exercise spiritual authority, but derive it not directly from Jesus Christ. Their commission to labor in their dioceses emanates from the Pope. He as Bishop has neither more nor less power by consecration than any bishop of Christendom, each thus receives the fulness of the Sacrament of Orders. But as the Head of the Church the Pope is the sole fountain of divine jurisdiction, and therefore the Bishop of Bishops.

The Pope has therefore momentous duties and responsibilities, the like of which no man has. To aid in the exercise of such authority, there are resident Cardinals and Congregations at Rome corresponding to Senators and departments of State. Throughout the Church are Archbishops, Metropolitans and Patriarchs endowed with extra power of jurisdiction. These, as well as Bishops, have at certain regular periods to give a detailed report to the Holy See of that part of the Lord's vineyard in which they are overseers.

For the purpose of expediting matters of church government, as a bond of union with the Vicar of Christ, as well as informing the Pope on the general interests of a country, apart from the special needs of a diocese, representatives of his Holiness are sent as Legates, Nuncios and Delegates.

The Holy Father acted in strict accordance with custom and with his indubitable right in appointing a permanent Apostolic Delegate to the Church in the United States. Nowhere, perhaps, was one more needed. The rapid spread of Catholicity in so wide a territory, the development of archdioceses with suffragan bishops corresponding in some way to the separate States of the Union, the need of putting

justice in matters spiritual within easy reach by a Supreme Appellate Court of the Church, to keep zeal and enthusiasm in the line of Catholic tradition and breathe into them a Catholic spirit, to keep Rome well informed of the surroundings in which the ecclesiastical hierarchy is laboring; all absolutely required a representative of the Holy See.

No greater favor could have been conferred on the Vineyard of the Lord in the States. It has been received by the earnest children of the Church with every feeling of respect, reverence and obedience. The blessed fruit of the embassy is already manifest. The nation at large is visibly taught the supremacy of the Pope; those of the Household of the Faith are increasing their devotion to the Holy See; and to our ecclesiastical organization is given the keystone of strength and unity.

For this onerous and delicate mission Leo XIII, who has throughout his glorious Pontificate shown such superhuman wisdom in selecting efficient co-operators, chose Archbishop Satolli President of the Academy of Noble Ecclesiastics. Gifted with piety and learning, trained under the fostering care of the Holy Father, imbued with the spirit of Rome, and filled with the ardor of saving souls, his Excellency has in evil report and good report acted with a prudence and justice that adds to the profound gratitude of American Catholics.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PATRIOTISM.

The following from the Record Union of Sacramento are somewhat startling and instructive:

Most of the public schools now devote an hour of one Friday of each month to patriotic exercises. That is good; it is excellent. But if fifteen minutes of that is given to addressing the children upon the definition of liberty, its relation to law and the obligation and duty to citizenship, infinitely greater good will be effected. We find that our school children develop plenty of patriotic enthusiasm under the stimulus of sentimental appeal, but they are not so well informed as they should be upon fundamental truths underlying free government, and upon the meaning of self-government and the duty of the loyal citizen to the State and to his fellowmen.

Shall we not see to it that the children in our schools are more thoroughly and impressively instructed in the duties, obligations, privileges and guarantees of citizenship? To that end we must see to it also that those in charge of our schools are not only equal to the task of such teaching, but are themselves patriots.

We very much fear, in the light of facts that have recently come to our knowledge, that there are not a few teachers in our schools whose conception of patriotic duty is exceedingly narrow, and that they are imbued with doctrines and beliefs that are very little short of rank disloyalty; teachers who have excused to their pupils things which never can be excused—resistance to authority, disregard of the laws of the land and contempt for the decrees of the courts.

Never was it more important than at present that Catholics should well understand the doctrines of the Church, and to be able to give a reason for their faith. Ignorance concerning our belief and practices, accounts for much of the enmity and bigotry rampant throughout the States. It is said a little learning is a dangerous thing; the exception, is where religion is concerned. Every point of the Church's teaching securely known, is a stone well placed in the temple of religious knowledge.

The decision of Monsignor Satolli on the liquor trade in reply to Bishop Watterson is practically a new departure. No more important pronouncement has been given in favor of temperance.

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Extracts from the letter of Pope Leo XIII which we publish today, ought to convince all right-minded men that the true friend of the commonwealth, its trusty counselor, is the Catholic Church. The plain categorical teaching of the Encyclical on Capital and Labor puts in clear light the duties and rights of the one and the other. We would urge workmen to read and re-read it; and such of them as are parents, we say thoroughly instruct your children in its principles. Many of the passages should be learnt by heart.

At the close of his active life, our Holy Father, as it were a last testament, earnestly entreats the varied bodies professing Christianity to return to the Mother and Mistress of all Churches. To Catholics it will recall the missionary work each is able in his own immediate circle, to do for the cause of unity. In a later issue, we shall return to this subject. Meanwhile, our readers will be glad to learn that a crusade of prayer for the conversion of unbelievers has been established in the United States. Already some 200,000 persons repeat daily a prayer for this purpose. It is approved and indulged by the Holy Father. By applying to the Ave Maria, Notre Dame, Ind., copies of the prayer may be had gratis.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE.

De La Salle Literary Society Elects New Officers.

The De La Salle Literary Society of the Sacred Heart College has organized by the election of the following officers: Brother Xenophon, President; James Carberry, Vice-President; Aloysius Mallon, Secretary, and Dennis Horgan, Treasurer.

On Tuesday the members of the society debated on the question of the Governmental ownership of railroads, and decided that the Government should own them. The members have not yet fixed the date when their action shall take effect, but there is little doubt that Congress will as soon as acquainted with their action reject the Funding Bill, and proceed to relieve Mr. Huntington and his brother railroad magnates from the duties of their positions.

Every class in Sacred Heart College is full to overflowing. Brother Alexander has secured another brother from St. Mary's College, and is fitting up a second room for the use of a commercial class about to be formed. The attendance at the college this year is the largest in its history.

The pleasing news has reached Rome that the study of philosophy of St. Thomas is going to be restored in Holland. The Catholic press of the country announces that before long courses of Catholic philosophy and theology will be instituted at the University of Amsterdam. This university, like the others of Holland, is a Protestant one. The chair of Catholic Thomistic Philosophy and Theology has been offered to the Rev. Van Schyndel, of the Society of Jesus.

Miss Winifred Martin, formerly of California, now of Baltimore, has made a bequest to the Catholic University for a bursar or scholarship in perpetuity for the Baltimore archdiocese. This makes the fourth scholarship that has been established at this university for the Baltimore archdiocese.

In the Cathedral of Detroit, on July 1, Reverend Peter and Michael Esper, twin brothers, received Holy Orders from Right Reverend Bishop Foley. This is the second case of the kind in the history of the Church in the United States.

The Pope's wreath for M. Carnot's coffin was of lilies, emblems of purity; lilies of the valley, emblems of hidden virtues; gardenias, emblems of saintliness in worldly society; and passion flowers bordering all.

The latest aspirant for honors in the field of Catholic journalism is the CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC, published in San Francisco. Henry I. Fisher is editor and publisher. Our best wishes.—Catholic Times, Philadelphia.

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WAS A TRULY PIOUS MAN.

Parson Goodfriend's Wrestle With and Triumph Over Satan and Sunday Saps.

She was from the country, but she didn't intend to take back water on anything on that account if she could help it. Piety was the subject of discussion, and Sister Jane, who lived in a town that made some pretensions to being considered a city, had been expatiating on the immaculate righteousness of Parson Jenkins. Sister Melinda bided her time until her innings came round, and then she took the floor.

"I don't mind allowin'," she said, "that Parson Jenkins is a powerful religious man, but when it comes to downright wrestlin' with Satan an' his sistin' wiles an' temptations, why, I stan' right up an' meedin an' say that our Parson Goodfriend can't be beat by no man. He don't run a soun' kitchen, 'cus we don't have no use for such things down our way, an' he don't go slummin', 'cus we ain't got no slums, but he's always ready for a tussle with the adversary, no matter how many snares an' pitfalls he sets for his feet. You know, he keeps a maple grove onto his little place, an' he sets a powerful store by 'em. Well, it hadn't been very long sugar when at the time I was speakin' of it, I had been freazin' considerable on any daytimes, an' the sap hadn't a good chance to run. But Parson Goodfriend wuz allers a great han' fer takin' time by the forelock, so he got his holes bored, an' his spouts drove in, an' his buckets set so as to have everything ready to take advantage of the right sort of weather when it came along. Well, he done that on Wednesday, an' them trees of his never dripped a drop on Thursday, nor on Friday, nor on Saturday, but on Sunday the sun shined out warm, an' every shone out warm, an' when he went to look at his trees on Monday mornin'—'cus, of course, he wouldn't let himself think of them even on Sunday—he found that his sap troughs and buckets wuz just brimful. Then what do you think he done?"

"Why, I suppose he did what any other man would have done," replied Sister Jane. "He took the sap away to make maple sugar out of it."

"Yes, that's what Parson Jenkins would 'a' done, no doubt," said Sister Melinda triumphantly, "an' it just proves what I'm tellin' these facts for—there ain't no more pious man livin' than our Parson Goodfriend. No, he didn't shout 'for joy an' take that sap away, but he just flopped down on his knees right then an' there, an' he says—'it was my own cown' what heard him—'Get thee behind me, Satan; you can't tempt me with any Lord's day sap.' An' then he riz up an' emptied every drop of the stuff onto the ground, an' next Sunday he preached the most convincing sermon I ever heard on the wiles of the evil one."—New York Advertiser.

Cremation in Boston.

Cremation has become an accepted institution in Boston. The records of the Massachusetts Cremation society, whose crematory is near the Forest Hills cemetery, show that up to June 1—that is, five months since the opening of the crematory—there have been 40 increasing cremations, the number constantly on the increase. In all, 160 cremations have been performed in the crematory, and all classes of people have been represented in this mode of disposing of the dead here, and all ages, from 94 to 5 years, figure in the official entries of cremations. The system is a perfect success, and the average time required for the complete reduction of the body to ashes is about 1½ hours.—Boston Transcript.

The Anarchists and the Lords.

The entire opposition press condemns Lord Salisbury for his bill and speech in favor of reviving the power of expulsion of aliens for use against the anarchists. The sober people of both parties, however, regard Lord Rosebery's reply as bombastic and theatrical rather than sound in fact and theory. Everybody believes, in spite of the prime minister's sweeping denial, that many anarchist outrages are plotted in London. Lord Salisbury told the simple unworldly truth, and his bill was not attacked on that ground. No progress yet has been made, however, toward any practical scheme for the international crushing of the anarchist.—London Letter.

All Wiman Had Left.

Mr. Wiman was in a jovial mood when his bail bond for \$50,000 was signed by Mr. Charles Broadway Rouns. Just before leaving the district attorney's office Mr. Rouns asked Mr. Wiman if he had any money.

"I don't know," replied Mr. Wiman, digging down into his vest pocket.

"Yes, I've still got this," he exclaimed, suddenly pulling out a \$2 bill.

"Is that all?" asked Mr. Rouns.

"I guess that's all that's left," replied Mr. Wiman, with a faint smile, "although I may have a few dollars more in my valise."

The men then left the building.—New York Dispatch.

The New Lord Chief Justice.

The new lord chief justice, who has just taken his seat, makes a striking figure on the bench, says a London correspondent. Clad in a new white wig and a bright gray gown, he is the personification of dignity. He has taken with him to the bench the famous snuff box to which he frequently resorted when torturing some poor victim on cross examination and the immense banner which he often waved as a flag of triumph on the legal battlefield. He has been much more attentive and quiet during the cases thus far heard than many of his judicial associates.

A PALACE OF GHOSTS.

Haunted by Spirits of Women Who Poisoned One Another.

In the midst of the old ruins and palaces of Italy, stained with countless deeds of blood, it remains for one modern structure to be known particularly as the home of ghosts. This interesting building is described by Marion Crawford in an article in The Century devoted to the wonderful Italian coast between Sorrento and Salerno.

Above Agerola, which itself is almost directly above Praiano, on the southern side of the peninsula, stands an enormous palace, visible from the sea at a great distance. It is known as the Palazzo degli Spiriti (the palace of the ghosts), and I once took the trouble to climb up from Praiano and go all over it. It is entirely deserted and has neither doors nor windows, a building almost royal in proportions and plan, standing on a vast terrace overlooking the sea, by no means ancient, and in some parts decorated with frescoes and stucco work, which are fast falling a prey to the weather.

It was built by a personage known as General Avitabile, who came to a tragic end before he had completed his magnificent residence and whose heirs are, I believe, still quarreling about the division of the property, while the building itself is allowed to fall into ruins. It would be hopeless to attempt to disentangle the tales told about the family by the simple hillfolk. There were women in the case who poisoned one another and the general and whose spirits, venomous still, are believed to haunt the vast halls and corridors and staircases and underground regions of the palace.

Whether they do or not, a more appropriate place for hobgoblins, banshees, ghouls and vampires could scarcely have been created by a diseased imagination in a nightmare. Even at midday, under the southern sun, the whole place seems as uncanny as a graveyard on St. John's eve. Bits of staircase lead abruptly into blank walls, passages end suddenly in the high air, without window railing or parapet. Lonely balconies lead around dizzy corners to dismal watchtowers whence a human voice could hardly find its way to the halls within. The most undaunted explorers of the Society For Psychical Research might learn what "goose flesh" means in such a place as this.

A Murderer May Inherit From His Victim.

After six years' litigation the supreme court has decided the case of Ransom versus Shellenbarger, involving the point of whether or not a murderer can inherit property from his victim.

Seven years ago Lee Shellenbarger murdered his daughter in order that he might inherit some valuable property left her by her mother. He was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, but while the case was pending in the supreme court he was lynched. Before this tragic episode he had deeded his interest in the dead girl's estate to his attorneys, Frank Ransom and John C. Watson.

The other heirs contested the attorneys' rights, asserting that the law would not allow a murderer to profit by his crime. The attorneys contended that in this country crime worked no corruption of blood and no forfeiture of property and that Nebraska's statutes contained nothing to prevent Shellenbarger's transfer.

The trial court found for the attorneys, but the supreme court reversed this holding. Since then the personnel of this tribunal has entirely changed, and when the case came up the second time the court upheld the attorneys' contention.—Lincoln (Nebr.) Dispatch to St. Louis Republic.

How Vandalia Got Its Name.

Some of the names of towns are arrived at in a peculiar way—for example, the town of Vandalia in Illinois, which was named in a singular manner. The man who owned the land on which the present town of Vandalia is situated was a man without a great deal of education and wanted a lawyer friend of his, who was a wag, to give him a name for his new town. The wag suggested that the Vandals were a very noted people, and that he should name the town "Vandalia," or the "home of the Vandals." It was at that time the coming metropolis of Illinois and subsequently the capital of that state and was named "Vandalia," the home of the Vandals, according to the wit's suggestion.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Judge of Music.

A concert was given at a German court in honor of some foreign prince. At its close the illustrious guest asked for a repetition of the first item on the programme. The first piece was accordingly played over again, but the visitor failed to recognize it as the one he had liked best. Suddenly the musicians fell to tuning their instruments, during which process all the company stopped their ears with the exception of the foreign monarch, who exclaimed in a rapture of delight, "That is my favorite piece."—Fliegende Blätter.

The Three Leaders.

The three great leaders in the emancipation of woman are the sewing machine, the typewriting machine and the bicycle.—Rochester Post-Express.

The Matador's Last Thrust.

The art of the matador is not to run up to the bull and stab him, but to have him come to you and fling himself upon the sword, while you direct his movements this way and that with the scarlet cape. He will follow a red cape anywhere, and the bulls are busy from the beginning of the fight to the end leading the bull away from the fallen picadors, or the imperiled banderilleros, or the matador. Even after the sword is thrust into his neck up to the hilt it takes the bull a long time to die. A harrowing sight it is. The noble creature—the only noble creature, as it seems, in the ring—stands up as long as he can, vomiting forth torrents of blood, as all his enemies crowd around him, sticking to it until he goes on trembling against the fence. Then in come the teams of mules, gayly decorated with flags and ribbons, to carry the bull down and go all over it. It is entirely deserted and has neither doors nor windows, a building almost royal in proportions and plan, standing on a vast terrace overlooking the sea, by no means ancient, and in some parts decorated with frescoes and stucco work, which are fast falling a prey to the weather.

They are hardly out of the ring before the drum rolls, and the next bull bursts into the arena. So it goes on until six bulls are done for. All the while our neighbors are deaf for us, we see nothing but the suffering and death over and over again. It carries you back to the Roman circus, and you wonder what civilization has done for Spain, whose population is still so thirsty for blood. The Spaniards are so used to it that they see none of the barbarity, only the skill and the science. And the English residents in Spain are more enthusiastic than the Spaniards themselves.—Madrid Letter.

The Melungeons.

"I believe that the Melungeons of east Tennessee are the only living lineal descendants of the ancient Aztecs," said R. C. Borden of Asheville. "The Melungeons have always been a mystery, and but few facts are known about them. They came to east Tennessee from North Carolina more than a century ago. They have mixed with no other race and have always been filthy and ignorant. A few of them have grown wealthy, but when they do no effort is made to associate with Americans. They have no traditions as to when or how or whence they came, except as to their ancestors in North Carolina. Their names are of Portuguese origin, and their appearance suggests an admixture of Portuguese and Indian blood. They have been classed with negroes, but it is easily demonstrated that they are not of negro origin. I mingled with them a great deal at one time and was fortunate enough to obtain their confidence through an act of kindness to one of their number. A few relics of great age can be found in the hands of the better class in the shape of pottery and implements. Some of these are of the stone period; others are marked with rude imitations of the Maltese cross. They have a tradition that their dead ancestors in North Carolina are buried in mounds. Putting these points together, I believe that they are descendants of the Aztecs and of Portuguese sailors who landed upon the North Carolina coast."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

River Gambling For High Stakes.

"There used to be heavy gambling on the Missouri river as well as the Mississippi in the halcyon steamboat days," said W. D. Camera, a traveling man, the other day. "I remember a great game once played on the steamboat Bluff City, which afterward burned at the wharf in St. Louis. It was in the antebellum days, when Kansas City was comparatively unknown."

"At one table the fight for a big pot had narrowed down to two men—one an inveterate gambler, the other a stranger, whose destination was the litigation of Rollidoux. Presently the gambler said, 'I'll raise you \$20,000, and give you just 15 minutes to call me.' The gentleman who was going to Rollidoux replied: 'I don't need 15 minutes. Mr. Clark, bring out enough boxes of money from your office to see the gentleman and go him \$20,000 better, and I will give him 30 minutes to call me. If that ain't enough, I'll buy the blamed steamboat and put that on the table.' The gambler threw down his hand, and the stranger made him a present of a \$100 bill. The stranger was Joseph Rollidoux, founder of the city of St. Joseph, and the little town of Rollidoux is a part of St. Joseph today."—Kansas City Journal.

A Valuable Manuscript.

The pope has presented to the Vatican library what may be regarded as a real treasure. It consists of a manuscript given by the celebrated Fra Giocondo of Verona to Lorenzo de' Medici, known in history as the "Magnificent." Vasari, in his life of the "Magnificent," writes of this work and notes that Politian makes mention of this book in his "Muggerliane" and describes the author as "the most learned man of the old days." This work had been lost for a long time, and its recovery now is looked upon as fortunate. The name of Fra Giocondo crops up from time to time in the more recondite studies of the Italian renaissance—that period when learning, science and art made such immense strides in the highest degree of excellence. He was known as a man of great learning and is sometimes compared with that most remarkable scholar and marvelous artist, Leo Battista Alberti.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Sounds Well.

If you wish to drink out of something very pretty indeed, use the smoked chrysophase glassware. It is sweetly cool and pale in its green tint and blends so well with the nature that stands without the door and window it might have been blown in on a sea breeze.—Boston Herald.

WHAT ONE BOY THINKS.

A stitch is always dropping in the everlasting knitting. And the needles that I threaded, no, you couldn't count today. And I've hunted for the glasses till I thought my head was splitting. When there upon her forehead as calm as clocks they lay.

I've read to her till I was hoarse the Psalms and the Epistles. When the other boys were burning tar barrels down the street. And I've staid and learned my verses when I heard their willow whistles. And I've staid and said my chapter with fire in both my feet.

And I've had to walk beside her when she was to evening meeting. When I wanted to be kissing, to be kicking, to be off. And I've waited while she gave the folks a word or two of greeting. First on one foot and the other, and 'most strangled with a cough.

"You can talk of Young America," I say, "till you are scarlet; It's Old America that has the inside of the track." Then she taps me with her thimble and calls me a young varlet. And then she looks so woebegone I have to take it back.

But there always is a peppermint or a penny in her pocket— There never was a pocket that was half so big and deep— And she lets the candle in my room burn 'way down to the socket. While she stews and patters round about till I am sound asleep.

There's always somebody at home when every one is scattering. She spreads the jam upon your bread in a way to make you grow. She always takes a fellow's side when every one is battering. And when I tear my jacket I know just where to go.

And when I've been in swimming after father said I shouldn't. And mother had her slipper off according to the rule. It sounds as sweet as silver, the voice that says I wouldn't. The boy that won't go swimming such a day would be a fool!"

Sometimes there's something in her voice, as if she gave a blessing. And I look at her a moment, and I keep still as a mouse— And who she is by this time there is no need of guessing. For there's nothing like a grandmother to have about the house. —Harriet Prescott Spofford.

The Duke of Coburg has decorated Mme. Albani with the order of Arts and Sciences.

Maggie Moore—Mrs. J. C. Williamson—is once more playing in "Struck Oil" at Melbourne.

George Darrell has gone back to Australia with the rights to play six American plays at the antipodes.

"A Political Woman" is the title of a new three act comedy by C. E. Mallett to be produced in London shortly.

Letters from Australia state that the theatrical season there has been fully as dull as it has been in America.

Joseph Jefferson says that America will never have a theater subsidized by the government, as changes would have to be made with each administration.

The young daughters of Willie Edmon and his wife (Alice Atherton) have gone on the stage in England under the names of May Bryer and Daisy Field.

Lord Francis Hope, whom it has been reported May Yohe has married, and who has just been declared a bankrupt, is a quiet little man of 35 or thereabouts.

The English Incorporated Society of Musicians asks parliament to empower it to grant powers to an authorized council to compile, maintain and issue an official list of qualified music teachers.

During the past season F. E. Rice has given employment to 238 actors, singers and dancers, and the salary sheets of his three companies—"1492," "Dixey" and "Venus"—amounted to \$6,850 per week.

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THE BIMEBY TIME.

When the bimeby time comes round this way,
When the bimeby time comes round,
There'll be less work an' lots more play,
There'll be less work an' lots more pay,
An' common men will have more say,
When the bimeby time comes round.

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FUTURE OF THE HORSE.

It is Foretold That He Will Cease to Be a
Beast of Burden.

There was a time when the wiry thoroughbred of English breeding and perhaps the surest means for improving the common stock of horseflesh. Council General Judd reports from Austria-Hungary that the American trotter is now the favorite breed in use for improving the native blood. If Austria-Hungary cannot do better than to come to America for this purpose, it argues well for the superiority of the trotter.

As a beast of speed the distinctive trotter is an example of modern evolution. It is not many years since a speed of three minutes for a mile was reckoned good at a trotting gait. Now there is hardly a farmer's son in the country that does not own a colt that "can clip a mile in three minutes and not turn a hair," at least so the young man says. A speed of two minutes is not only possible, but probable in the immediate future, and the time may not be far off when the American horse can trot alongside the best Derby runner.

With the constant inroads of machinery on the field of the horse's usefulness a change is coming in the evolution of the animal. Already electricity supplants the old horse cars, and no one is sorry. One need have no sympathy for the overburdened fluid on a hard grade. An electric van for parcel delivery is working in London and is said to be cheaper than horse power. Promises have already been made by our inventors of electric plows, and feasible plans for freight and produce trucks across the country on roads hitherto traversed only by the aid of the horse or mule are suggested. The old fashioned horsepower for running incidental machinery is giving place to the "coming power."

The coming horse is to be less and less a beast of heavy burden. Many places there are where horses will continue to drag heavy loads of a necessity. The handsome draft horse is not yet entirely to be dispensed with. But pleasure driving will continue to give a motive for the improvement of the trotting horse.

The bicycle takes the place of a few saddle horses perhaps, but the majority of cyclists care for a horse just as much as before the silent steed came into being. Many of them own a wheel who would not own a horse, but the wheel, even if built for two, is not so agreeable after all as holding the lines behind a glossy coated, lightly stepping horse. Electric motors for carriages are talked of, but they will be expensive for a long time yet, and until their proficiency is somewhat advanced from the present stage a man even with a bulky horse would be less helpless in case of accident.

The noble, intelligent horse will not be lost sight of in the advance of civilization. Relief from the heavier duties will leave the more energy for the driving, of which every American citizen of means and leisure is fond. Whatever question there may be as to the morality or advantages of horse racing, the improvement of the trotter has made the animal more serviceable for the legitimate uses of man. If any one believes that the interest in the horse is to give place before the inroads of electricity, let him attend some great "horse convention" and note the attention paid the splendid specimens of endurance and intelligence there on exhibition.

—Boston Journal.

Drinking From a Lady's Shoe.

In London a century ago it was no uncommon practice on the part of the "fast men" to drink bumpers to the health of a lady out of her shoe. The Earl of Cork relates an incident of this kind, and to carry the compliment still further he states that the shoe was ordered to be dressed and served up for supper. "The cook set himself seriously to work upon it. He pulled the upper part, which was of fine damask, into fine shreds and tossed it up into a ragout, minced the sole, cut the wooden heel into thin slices, fried them in butter and placed them round the dish for garnish. The company testified their affection for the lady by eating heartily of this exquisite impromptu." Within the last score of years, at a dinner of Irish squire, the health of a beautiful girl, whose feet were as pretty as her face, was drunk in champagne from one of her satin shoes, which an admirer of the lady had contrived to obtain possession of.—Newark News.

Another Kind.

It was about 10:30 p. m. and the young woman was talking to the man in the case.

"What I like in a man," she was saying, "is energy—one that has some go in him."

The young man glanced hastily at the clock, then at the door, then at the girl and got up.

"I beg your pardon," she said, blushing. "You may stay as long as you please. You are the first man that ever understood that statement properly."—Detroit Free Press.

The Convincing Argument.

Young Lady Shopper—This piece of dress goods suits me, except that I don't think the figure in it is pretty.

Subtle Salesman—Ah, but you surely will when it is made up and you have the dress on.—Arkansas Traveler.

THE WOULD BE SUICIDE.

Got Mad When He Found a Man Offering Him Facilities For Dying.

A good story is told of ex-Alderman Arthur Dixon, although he denies it. Still, the denial is such a half hearted one that it is likely there is a good deal of truth in it.

Dixon had the acquaintance of one of those men who have periodical fits of despondency, during which they claim that life is not worth living, but who always stop just short of making a personal investigation of what comes after it.

This young man invariably sought out Mr. Dixon when he became despondent, told him all his woes and generally ended by announcing that he was going to commit suicide. In the kindness of his heart and possibly because he thought it would be annoying to have to testify at an inquest, Mr. Dixon would cheer him up and persuade him to hang on a while longer.

In time, however, this programme became monotonous from constant repetition, and Mr. Dixon undertook to put a stop to it. The next time the young man announced that he was going to commit suicide Dixon raised no objections.

"Possibly you are right," he said. "I guess it is the best thing you can do."

"How do you intend to do it?"

"Oh, I might as well jump in the river," returned the despondent man.

It was winter, and the river was covered with ice, but Mr. Dixon was ready with a suggestion.

"I know a place down on the south branch where there are some big holes in the ice," he said pleasantly. "I'll get my buggy, and we'll drive down there."

The fellow wasn't as enthusiastic now, but he raised no objection, and Mr. Dixon got his buggy. He was cheerful and jolly during the drive, but the would be suicide was inclined to be thoughtful. Down among a lot of coal yards Mr. Dixon jumped out.

"Here we are," he said as he pulled an ax out from under the buggy seat.

"What's that for?" asked the young man.

"Oh, I was afraid we might not be able to find a hole that was big enough, and I didn't want to take any chances," explained Mr. Dixon. Then he got out a heavy weight with a cord fastened to it and a long piece of rope and started out on the ice.

"What's that weight for?" asked the despondent man as he followed slowly.

"That's to tie your legs so that there can't be any mistake," returned Dixon.

"And the rope?"

"To tie around your body so that I can pull you out after it's all over. Your friends would never forgive me if I didn't take your body home."

The young man stopped short. "Look here, Dixon!" he exclaimed. "Are you mean enough to stand by and see me drown?"

"Why, I'm your friend, and I want to do what I can to help you," said Dixon pleasantly.

"And you'll really do it?"

"Certainly."

"Then I'll be—if I'll give you that much satisfaction, I'm going home."

They drove back in silence, but the young man was cured. He has never talked of suicide since.—Chicago Post.

A Bad Lead.

Miss Esmerelda Longcoffin has been very much disgusted at the slowness and hesitancy of Gus de Smith in proposing matrimony. He has been paying her marked attention for some time past and is a fluent talker on every subject except that one.

They were eating ice cream at a popular ice creamery on Third avenue, and Gus undertook to ask Miss Esmerelda if he might hope to see her at church on the ensuing Lord's day. He said:

"Miss Esmerelda."

"Yes, sir," interrupted Esmerelda.

"May I—"

"Oh, yes! Certainly you may," she again interrupted him, with animation.

"May I hope to—"

"You had better speak to pa about it," said she, trembling.

"Speak to pa?" he asked, tearing open his eyes with astonishment.

"Yes, speak to pa."

"About what shall I speak to him?" exclaimed Gus roughly.

There was a painful pause, and Miss Esmerelda went to work on her ice cream with a vindictiveness and energy that were truly phenomenal.—Philadelphia Times.

By a Different Route.

Little Dick—Miss Antique is most 40 years old.

Mother—I told you to stop asking ladies their ages.

"I didn't."

"Then how do you know she is nearly 40?"

"I asked her how many times she had seen the 17 year locusts."—Good News.

Vox Populi.

Johnnie—Say, mamma, what does "vox populi" mean?

Mamma—It means the voice of the people.

Johnnie—Then, if you wanted to speak of the voice of only one man, would you say "vox popularis"?—Detroit Free Press.

DINNER THAT COST \$700 A PLATE.

Eaten in a Gambling House and Followed by a Turn at Faro.

"History of the cuisine fairly teems with descriptions of costly meals," remarked Louis Davies of Brooklyn. "We read how that profligate Helio-gabalus, the Roman emperor, had a single dish on his table once that cost \$200,000, and how another Roman, Aelius Verus, gave a supper to a dozen cronies that cost a quarter of a million dollars. Then Vitellius, still another Roman and an emperor likewise, entertained his brother at a little snack that used up a couple of hundred thousand, but these were ancient fellows, who had nightingales' tongues and humming birds' brains and similar marvelous dainties.

"Coming down to modern days and plain, ordinary, everyday ham and eggs, I ate a supper once in this very town that cost a friend of mine \$1,400. A gentleman named Parker kept an establishment devoted to entertaining gentlemen at sundry games of chance. One night the friend I speak of and myself were killing an evening here together, when we conceived the brilliant idea that a visit to Parker's would be just the thing. We put it into execution at once. I have never gambled in my life, and my friend has never done it since. We went up stairs and entered the room just as supper was announced.

"My friend did not want to eat anything, but I was hungry, and when some plausible rascal of a dealer told me that there was broiled Smithfield ham, flanked with pullets' eggs as a sort of side issue to the otherwise gorgeous feast, I broke for the supper room, despite my companion's pleadings. Of course he followed me when he found his protestations were useless, and we enjoyed the feed immensely. When we came out, my friend pulled out a \$20 bill and said he would play a turn or two to pay for our supper. I begged him to turn not to do it, but he was as obdurate as I had been. But why linger on the misery? He lost his \$20 bill and tried to get it back. In two hours \$1,400 were gone glimmering. I have never felt so downright hungry since that a slight request from a mere acquaintance cannot keep me away from a deadhead feed."—Washington Star.

Electricity and Spiritualism.

There is not the least evidence to show that electricity is employed at spiritualistic seances. On the contrary, there is every evidence against its presence. The most delicate instrument for the detection of that force, which would show its presence when so light as scarcely to affect a thistle-down, is unaffected. The table, however violently moved, is not electrically excited, and the medium, writing or entranced, gives no indication of the force. It would be impossible for the human organism, constituted as it is, to generate an electric current.

Hence all the theories of spiritual phenomena, taking electricity as the cause, are untenable. That spiritual beings have any more direct connection with that force than mortals is also a groundless supposition. It has been said their celestial bodies were formed of electricity, as though it was a material substance, while it is without the least substance, being a force like heat or light.

Electricity can play no more important part in the spirit spheres than on earth, and in reality it belongs as an expression of force to this material sphere, and in the spirit world is represented by far swifter and more powerful form of energy, as the celestial substance of that world is more sublimated and refined.—Professor Hudson Tuttle.

How Kings Feed.

In the courts of Berlin, Stuttgart, Rome, Lisbon, Stockholm, Munich and Dresden the table is run on what may be called the hotel system. That is to say, the principal chef is allowed so much per head per diem for all the members of the family and for those of the household who are of gentle birth, and another fixed sum per diem and per head is allowed for each person of menial station. The price for food of the sovereigns, their families and guests averages about \$8 a day, while the sum allowed for servants is about \$1.25. When it is borne in mind that the number of persons fed at these rates often reaches as many as 600 in a single day, the possible profit of a chef's commission can be imagined. In this price wine is not included, and as the profits in this are even greater than from the food many of the masters of the royal kitchens of Europe are richer than the average guests of their sovereigns.—New York Advertiser.

The Best Plan.

"No, it's no use kicking or lamenting, just keep still about it. Just say nothing. That's the best plan."

"Yes, but suppose it's a woman who's in hard luck?"

"Oh, in that case, say as little about it as possible. Don't talk about it more'n two weeks anyhow."—New York Recorder.

The Resources of Modern Science.

Waiter at the Hotel—Is there anything else I can get you, sir?

Guest—Yes, go and fetch me a game of dynamite to blow up this beefsteak.—Meggendorfer's Blatter.

MANY HISTORIC TREES.

Those That Grace the Avenues of the National Capital.

Among the 75,000 trees which the Capital City of the nation is so proud of and which go so far toward making it the beautiful place it is, are a number of historic trees planted either by famous personages or to commemorate special events. The oldest and the one which always attracts the attention of those tourists who chance to know about it is the magnificent elm in the capitol park, opposite the senate entrance.

It is about 100 feet high and is covered with a fine growth of ivy. This tree and another of the same variety, but now dead, were planted a century ago by the first president, and the one now standing is called the "Washington elm." Occupying relatively the same position in the park, but facing the house entrance, is the "Cameron elm," not because the distinguished Pennsylvanian planted it, but because he pleaded so eloquently for its life when threatened. In the spring of 1892 President Harrison set out two fig trees in the ground south of the executive mansion, and both are doing well, though one has outstripped the other by two feet.

A fine sycamore or plane tree, which stands not far from the Lincoln monument in the park of the same name on Capitol hill, is known as the "Thaddeus Stevens tree."

The great Pennsylvanian planted it in the stormy days of 1862 in the botanical gardens, but so often were the grounds overflowed by a quiet appearing little stream rejoicing in the classic name of Tiber that the tree did not flourish, and in 1870 it was removed to its present location, where it has reached an altitude of nearly 100 feet. The largest and most famous collection of trees, and not behind any in beauty, is the historic grove in the botanical gardens, under the care of Mr. William R. Smith, the superintendent. Mr. Smith has been in charge since the administration of Fillmore, a period so long as to permit him to see the growth of his pets from childhood to adolescence, if not maturity.

Philadelphia is represented by two splendid cypresses, brought over from the Quaker City by Edwin Forrest, the great tragedian, and John W. Forney, the journalist. Not far from these stands the Albert Pike tree, a cypress, planted by General Pike when occupying the highest position in the Masonic order. A great oak, set out in 1862 by John C. Crittenden of Kentucky, is a superb specimen of the family of trees to which it belongs. There are the Morrill trees, planted respectively by the senators from Maine and Vermont; the Hoar and Vance trees; the Holman tree, set out by the Indiana member more than a quarter of a century ago; the Bayard tree, an oak planted by Mr. Bayard when secretary of state, and most curious of all, the little six foot high Chinese oak, rejoicing in the triple name of Confucius-Dana-Cummings. The acorn from which it came was picked up on the grave of the great philosopher, sent by a friend to Mr. Charles A. Dana, and raised by his gardener at his place on Long Island, and planted by Representative Amos J. Cummings.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Theory of American Storms.

Professor Colbert explains the origin of great storms that move across our country from the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic seaboard on this theory:

The moist air from the Pacific, driven up the west slope of the Rockies by the rotation of the earth, is suddenly deprived of its moisture in the cooler altitude. This drying of the air causes a change in specific gravity, and the disturbance produced at once results in a slight rotary current. The revolving mass of air motion and size constantly increased by the sucking in of warm south winds on its forward edge. These currents from the south drop their moisture from contact with the older revolving storm, and the sudden lightning of the air by the dropping of its moisture works like a stream on a mill wheel.

Thus the real causes of our great storms lie in the conditions met by these traveling whirlwinds in their regular journey across the country. If they are cold enough and meet with enough moist, hot air in their course, they are set spinning with a velocity that makes a cyclonic storm.—Chicago Journal.

A Curious Blunder.

A curious blunder has been brought to light in the staid, classical city of Boston. The new public library building had chiseled upon its granite cornices and surrounding facade a long list of noted inventors. Among the list the name of James Watt, the father of the steam engine, was to have been placed, but imagine the consternation of the Bostonians upon the discovery that Isaac Watts, the great English hymn writer, had been given the place intended for James.—Philadelphia Record.

Homelike.

Papa—Are you sure that you and mamma thought of me while you were away?

Little Grace—Yes. We heard a man just scolding awful about his breakfast, and mamma said that's just like papa.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

SELECTED AN ENEMY AS PROXY.

A Confederate Sentinel Put a Prisoner on Guard While He Goes Courting.

"A funny war incident occurred down there," said Mr. John W. Woodruff, pointing downward from the Forsyth street bridge to the track running between the bridge and the National hotel.

"When Forrest captured Colonel Straight's raiders at Rome, they were brought to Atlanta in box cars and were switched off on that track. As Forrest's men had to return to Rome, a detail from Major Leyden's artillery, then in camp here, was sent down to guard the prisoners. I was a member of the company, and the facts of the case are fresh in my recollection yet. The doors on one side of the cars remained locked, and the doors on the other side were open. In front of each of these doors one of Leyden's men stood on guard.

"Everything went along smoothly until the relief came around after dark. The officer in charge of the relief squad found to his astonishment that one of the cars was guarded by a Yankee with a musket.

"Hello! What does this mean?" asked the officer.

"Oh, it's all right," replied the Yankee. "The young man on duty here wanted to go to see his girl, and he promised me his rations if I would take his place till he came back."

"We took Mr. Yank's musket from him and made him enter the car and stationed one of our men at the door. The fellow had told the truth, as we found out when the absent guard returned. The youngster was fresh and knew nothing about soldiering. He saw no harm in slipping off to see his girl, and, as luck would have it, he had picked out a prisoner who was a man of his word.

"Our comrade would have been severely punished if his case had been reported, but the boys enjoyed the joke so much that they kept it from Major Leyden until it was safe to let it be known.

"Wouldn't that Yankee and his friend, the Confederate, have a jolly time if they could meet at some reunion of the blue and the gray? If they are both living, they ought to get together."—Atlanta Constitution.

Interesting Whist Play.

One of the best whist players in Rochester sends to us the hands played by him and his friends at a recent sitting. North dealt and turned the king of spades, and the hands were as follows:

East—Spades, 5 and 4; diamonds, a, k, kn, and 8 hearts, a, k, 6 and 2 clubs, a.
South—Spades, 9 and 8; diamonds, 10, 6 and 5 hearts, kn, 10 and 9; clubs, q, kn, 7, 6 and 4.
West—Spades, A and 3; diamonds, 7 and 2 hearts, 8, 7, 4 and 3; clubs, 9, 8, 5, 3 and 2.
North—Spades, k, q, kn, 10, 7, 6 and 2; diamonds, q, 9 and 8; hearts, q, clubs, k, 10 and 10.

The score was six aces, and as North arranged his cards he felt sure of winning the game. He had seven trumps—and they were not "mostly small"—and he had a chance of trick in both clubs and diamonds. But, as a matter of fact, he failed to get even the odd, owing to the skillful play of his opponents.

East took four tricks in succession by leading the king of diamonds, king of hearts, ace of clubs and ace of diamonds. Then he led a small diamond, which his partner trumped, and the partner, being alive to the situation, led back a small club, which East trumped, returning another diamond, upon which West put his ace of trumps, while North was obliged to throw away a trump then, the odd having been scored against him and the game gone. North, in much disgust, flung down his six good trumps, with sundry remarks not for publication.—Rochester Post-Express.

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